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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/459,138
 Applicant(s) : Larry K. Johnson, et al.
 Filed : December 10, 1999
 Title : METHOD FOR MAKING A SEAM FOR USE IN DISPOSABLE
 ARTICLES
 TC/A.U. : 1733
 Examiner : John T. Haran
 Conf. No. : 9687
 Docket No. : 7040R
 Customer No. : 27752

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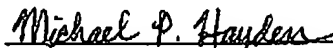
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Reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1733**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Larry K. Johnson *et al.*

Title: Method For Making A Seam For Use In Disposable Articles

Application No.: 09/459,138

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Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: John. T. Haran

Docket No.: 7040R

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 11 September 2003, reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

Please consider the **amendments to the claims** as reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Please consider the **remarks** beginning on page 5 of this paper.